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SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 10-11

REF: EC BRUSSELS 1199, 1197 AND 1255

1. SUMMARY. IN DISCUSSIONS FEBRUARY 13 ABOUT FEBRUARY  
10-11 EC COUNCIL MEETING, FOREIGN OFFICE ECONOMIC  
OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THAT THIS HAD BEEN A SUCCESSFUL  
MEETING IN WHICH CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS ACHIEVED  
ON A NUMBER  
OF OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY ISSUES INCLUDING MANDATE  
FOR THE MTNS, THE REGIONAL FUND, MOST ASPECTS OF THE  
BUDGET PROBLEM, FREE MOVEMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS.  
NO DECISION TAKEN ON IRAN PREFERENCES EXCEPT TO ASK  
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COMMISSION TO CONSULT WITH IRANIANS. FRENCH AND

DANES SEEM TO BE LESS EAGER ABOUT PUSHING THEIR PROPOSAL. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING INCLUDED CALLAGHAN PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION OF EC RESPONSE IN GENERAL TO LDC CALL FOR NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. WHILE UNCTAD SPECIAL SESSIONS WOULD BE TAKEN UP, FOCUS OF DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE MUCH BROADER. END SUMMARY.

2. ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH IRAN. FREITAG, WHO HEADS FOREIGN OFFICE DESK FOR EC TRADE AND THIRD COUNTRY RELATIONS TOLD EMBOFF THAT IN COURSE OF A BRIEF DISCUSSION, COUNCIL CONSIDERED POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH IRAN. FRENCH POSITION WAS MORE FLEXIBLE, AND DANES MADE NO INTERVENTIONS AT ALL. DURING PARIS SUMMIT MEETING LAST WEEK THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT FRENCH WERE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT CONSEQUENCES OF GRANTING BROAD PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO IRAN, BUT SIGNS THAT SHIFT TAKING PLACE IN FRENCH THINKING WAS MUCH CLEARER AT SUMMIT. COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS WITH IRAN SHOULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR FULL RECONSIDERATION OF PROBLEM. IN CONTRAST TO CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY FRG ECONMIN OFFICIALS THAT IRAN WAS PRESSING FOR IMMEDIATE DECISION ON REFINERY PROPOSAL, FREITAG BELIEVED THAT FRG PROBABLY HAD MORE TIME - UP TO THREE MONTHS.

3. HEADS OF GOVERNMENT COUNCIL. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR MARCH 10-11 MEETING WAS PRELIMINARY AND TENTATIVE. IT WAS NOT TOO CLEAR TO FREITAG WHAT CALLAGHAN HAD IN MIND IN HIS PROPOSAL FOR A DISCUSSION OF LDC CALL FOR A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. SUCH DISCUSSION WOULD PRESUMABLY NOT BE LIMITED TO UPCOMING UNCTAD SESSIONS NOR TO COORDINATION OF VOTING IN UN MEETINGS, A MATTER WHICH WAS BEING TAKEN UP BY FOREIGN MINISTERS IN DUBLIN.

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DISCUSSIONS WOULD RATHER BE AIMED AT ESTABLISHING  
A COMMON PERSPECTIVE ON WHICH TO BASE EC POSITIONS  
CONCERNING PARTICULAR LDC. INTERESTS BEING PUT  
FORTH IN UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA.

4. FRENCH QUOTAS. IN ACCORD WITH PRIOR CONSULTATION  
REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERTAKING NATIONAL  
TRADE POLICY INITIATIVES, FRENCH HAD OFFERED TO  
CONSULT ON PLANS TO INCREASE QUOTAS ON IMPORTS OF  
NUMBER OF PRODUCTS FROM EASTERN EUROPE. OF THESE  
PRODUCTS, ONLY TEXTILES AND ALUMINIUM SEEMED TO  
CAUSE CONCERN. COMMISSION WANTED FRENCH TO DELAY  
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SUCH ACTION, SO THAT THIS COULD BE USED AS BARGAINING  
CHIP IN POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN COMMISSION AND  
EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. FRG SUPPORTED FRANCE,  
ARGUING THAT IF A MEMBER STATE FELT IT WAS IN  
A POSITION TO LIBERALIZE FURTHER ITS IMPORTS,  
IT SHOULD DO SO WITHOUT DELAY. THIS ISSUE WAS  
REFERRED TO COREPER, AS INDICATED BY USEC 1197.

5. UK BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS. ALTHOUGH CONFIRMING  
THAT THE MINISTERS HAD MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS,  
FREITAG DOUBTED THAT THIS ISSUE COULD BE

RESOLVED PRIOR TO MARCH 10-11 EUROPEAN COUNCIL  
MEETING. HE CONFIRMED FRG POSITION THAT CORRECTIVE  
MECHANISM MUST EXPIRE AT END OF SEVEN YEARS, RATHER  
THAN SIMPLY BE REVIEWED, AS COMMISSION HAD  
PROPOSED.  
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